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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: MAGNETIC PIGMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Cancel~~ claims 1-12 without prejudice and ~~insert~~ the following new claims:

--13. A magnetic particle comprising a magnetic core and an outer glass layer, wherein said outer glass layer comprises boron oxide, said outer glass layer has an outer glass surface and completely covers said magnetic core.

14. The particle of claim 13, wherein the glass surface is substantially porefree.

15. The particle of claim 13, wherein the glass surface has pores with a diameter of less than 10 nm.

16. The particle of claim 13, wherein the particle has a particle size of between 10 and 60 μm .

17. The particle of claim 13, wherein any pores in the glass surface having a diameter of less than 1 nm.

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